

Owing to the heavy drain on the Association's finances, only one regularly called special meeting was held, pending matters being decided in good part through exchange of views by letters.

This Committee can fill an important need, and during the coming year, renewed effort will be made to have it function in line with original plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
George G. Reinle, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC WORK

##### Executive Group

George H. Kress, Chairman *ex officio*  
Lemuel P. Adams, 1940 F. M. Pottenger, 1939  
J. Homer Woolsey, 1938  
William H. Barrow, (Section on Medicine)  
Ray B. McCarty, (Section on Surgery)

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The schedules for the twelve scientific sections of the California Medical Association, as given in this annual session program of the Pre-Convention Bulletin Supplement to the April issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, represent the joint efforts of the State Committee on Scientific Work and the Section Secretaries, and it is the hope of those who have played a part in arranging for the section activities that what has been planned will be carried through in a manner in every way acceptable and pleasing to members in attendance.

Hence, the committee will appreciate criticisms or suggestions for betterment; for successful annual sessions hinge, in a large measure, on attention to even minor details. Memoranda or suggestions for changes may be left with the registration clerks or Association secretary, or mailed to the Central Office, 450 Sutter Building, San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted,  
George H. Kress, *Chairman*.

#### CANCER COMMISSION

##### Executive Group

Charles A. Dukes, Chairman  
Otto Pfueger, Secretary  
Orville Meland, Secretary for Southern Section  
A. Herman Zeiler Harold Brunn  
Gertrude Moore Henry J. Ullmann  
Clarence G. Toland

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Cancer Commission is primarily interested in professional education. During the past few months we have been active in furthering professional education along two lines:

(a) Postgraduate. A short time ago each member received a supplement to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, prepared by Doctor Ruddock and his committee. In this brochure, wherein are listed a number of topics, are a number relating to cancer. We have submitted names of qualified men to appear on the programs dealing with malignant conditions. It is proposed to send out teams of three men, comprised of a clinician, a pathologist, and a radiologist, to conduct a half-day meeting. They will hold clinics, present slides, and discuss the clinical course, diagnosis, and treatment pertaining to the particular subject under discussion.

(b) Creation of a new section at the conference held on the Sunday before the annual meeting of the State Association. Heretofore, the Commission has sponsored the pathologic and radiologic conferences, at which specialists in these divisions have taken part. It is now proposed to have a section for the general men and surgeons. It is hoped that fifty men will register and bring their microscopes. At this meeting the pathology will be presented and explained, with comments on treatment by a surgeon and radiologist.

(c) Pathology and radiology meetings were sponsored by the Commission at the State meeting in Pasadena and also

a mid-winter conference on pathology in Los Angeles in December. All of these were very well attended.

At the present time the Commission is undertaking a survey of the cancer clinics throughout the state, and letters have been sent to all the county secretaries asking them to forward to us a list of all the cancer clinics established in each county. This is being undertaken with the idea of lending approval to such clinics as warrant it, depending upon their standards of operation.

In order to reach younger men in the medical schools, on approval of the Council, a copy of the report of the Cancer Commission studies has been sent to each senior and junior student in all the medical schools in the state, as well as to the house staffs of the large hospitals.

Lay education, though looked upon as a vital phase of the cancer program, has been carried out only indirectly, in that members of the Commission have acted in an executive capacity for the Women's Field Army campaign of the American Society for the Control of Cancer. During this last fall it was suggested that the Woman's Auxiliary to the State Association take part in this work, and with the approval of the Council this was done. The success of this plan remains to be seen. We frequently see patients visiting physicians earlier as a result of this campaign.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alson R. Kilgore, *Chairman*.

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### REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

#### COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL RESEARCH

##### Executive Group

Phillip K. Gilman, Chairman  
Loren R. Chandler Charles A. Dukes

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Your Committee on Medical Research is pleased to report defeat at the hands of the voters of California of the so-called "State Humane Pound Law" at the election in November last.

Since the election, your committee as a whole has been less active.

Following the decisive defeat of the antivivisection pound act, the members of your committee and many members of the California Society for the Promotion of Medical Research felt that the time had arrived when a real humane pound bill should be introduced at the present session of the Legislature at Sacramento.

Your chairman has, at the request of the Council of the California Medical Association, cooperated in drawing up such a bill for introduction by our Legislative Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
P. K. Gilman, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:

##### ANNUAL SESSION AT DEL MONTE,

MAY 1-4, 1939

##### Executive Group

Mast Wolfson, Chairman  
Alfred L. Phillips Curtis B. Gorham  
W. M. Gratiot H. R. Lusignan  
Association Secretary *ex-officio*

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Several meetings have taken place with both the local and the central committee members. Plans are well in hand and things are shaping up so that members may enjoy themselves to the fullest extent in many diversified fields. Entertainment will be organized, from dancing to golf, fishing, trap shooting, etc., so bring the necessary equipment to suit your particular need. We hope to make this a great and enjoyable meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mast Wolfson, *Chairman*.

**COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS****Executive Group**

Louis A. Packard, Chairman

Axcel E. Anderson

Calvert L. Emmons

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

Your Committee on Hospitals has been active throughout the past year. Continued study of the county hospitals and the problems associated with them have been carefully reviewed.

The most important accomplishment, we feel, is the relationship established between the California Medical Association and the Farm Bureau Federation and allied groups. Bitter opponents in the past, these groups, through round-table conferences, have ironed out their difficulties and in so doing come to the conclusion that both groups were trying to arrive at the same destination by different paths. At this time compatibility of thought and action has been reached, and legislation was introduced by the farm group which follows the ideas developed in conferences.

It is hoped that future years will see the harmony now existing continued and extended to other fields.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis A. Packard, *Chairman.***SUB-COMMITTEE ON PNEUMONIA CONTROL****Executive Group**

Roy E. Thomas, Chairman

William P. Shepard, Secretary

Edwin L. Bruck  
Karl F. MeyerLambert B. Coblentz  
George D. Maner

Daniel D. Comstock

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The Committee on Pneumonia Control was authorized to function as a subcommittee of the standing Committee on Health and Public Instruction. The subcommittee in turn has been functioning through two subgroups, one for the northern, the other for the southern end of the State. We have also acted in conjunction with the California Medical Association Committee on Postgraduate Activities. A detailed report will appear in *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Thomas, *Chairman.***COMMITTEE ON SYPHILIS****Executive Group**

Howard Morrow, Chairman

Charles W. Barnett

William H. Goeckerman

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

The venereal disease control program administered by the Bureau of Venereal Diseases, State Department of Health, has continued to expand during the past year. There has been increasing coöperation on the part of physicians in private practice and general approval of the control measures that have been adopted.

The number of cases of syphilis reported has continued to increase. This is illustrated by the following figures as provided by the State Department of Health: 1936—11,725, 1937—17,282, 1938—23,313. There has been marked expansion of clinic resources. Treatments for syphilis administered in clinics during the past three years are as follows: 1936—206,185, 1937—301,185, 1938—458,138. The number of clinic centers where treatment is available has been increased in the past two years from 70 to 110. During the past year there has been expansion of clinic facilities in Los Angeles City and the following counties: Imperial, Santa Barbara, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Fresno, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Sonoma, and to lesser degree in other counties.

Sufficient drugs for 427,611 treatments were distributed free to private physicians by the State Department of Health during 1938.

There are now twenty-four full-time health departments taking care of 81½ per cent of the population of the State.

Through funds provided by the State Department of Health, twenty-one physicians received postgraduate training in venereal disease control at the Curriculum in Public Health at the University of California during the past year. Ten conferences on syphilis were held before county medical societies. Pamphlets pertaining to diagnosis and treatment of syphilis were mailed by the State Department of Health to approximately 5,000 physicians.

Public Health laboratory services have been rendered more available to physicians in private practice for tests on indigent and marginal patients. A mailing dark-field service was inaugurated by the State Laboratory.

A number of county medical societies have actively participated in local educational programs and in the development of more adequate local facilities for the control of syphilis. This committee has encouraged such activity and has coöperated in every way possible with the official agencies assigned to carry out the venereal disease control activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Morrow, *Chairman.***SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON A BASIC SCIENCE LAW****Executive Group**

George H. Kress, General Chairman

Morton R. Gibbons, Chairman (for Bay Region)

Edward M. Pallette, Chairman (for Southern California)

Junius B. Harris, Chairman (for remainder of State)

*To the President and the House of Delegates:*

States in which multiple healing-art boards of examiners have received legal recognition must expect to witness, when their legislatures are in session, more or less constant attempts by "new" cultist groups, to secure legal sanction.

California has just such "multiple healing-art boards": (1) Board of Medical Examiners; (2) Board of Osteopathic Examiners; (3) Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Among these the Medical Board exists through legislative enactment, but the Osteopathic and Chiropractic Boards were created through initiative vote of the citizenry.

A group that has been recurrently knocking at the door of the California Legislature is that which calls itself "Naturopathic." In the present session of the California Legislature, this year's Naturopathic effort (Assembly Bill 1203) was submitted to the legislators on January 23, and a vigorous educational campaign is now being waged by the disciples to secure legal recognition.

Nonsectarian or regular medicine does not demand that a commonwealth refuse to grant recognition to sectarian practitioners of the healing art, provided that, at least, fundamental standards of preliminary education be complied with. Healing-art practice, with responsibility for the health and lives of fellow humans, demands that every licensed practitioner, no matter to what group he may belong, should have that basic education giving warrant of mental capacity to grasp the significance of changes in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and injury. It is just there that a Basic Science law is of value in the protection of the health and lives of citizens.

The essential provision of most basic science laws lies in this: that, prior to the right of any individual to take an examination for licensure by his respective board, he shall have filed with that body a certificate, showing that he has passed the examination of the Basic Science Board. The preliminary education usually demanded is at least the equivalent of a four-year high school course, plus one or two years of liberal arts work, such as are given in the freshman and sophomore years of a state university course. Certainly, that is not too much to ask, and nothing less should be accepted by a state.

Had not the State Humane Pound Act initiative thrust itself into the foreground at the November, 1938, state election, it is more than probable that an initiative petition for a Basic Science law would have been submitted to the people at that time. This subject has been repeatedly discussed in *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* during the last ten years, and in the April, 1938 Pre-Convention

Bulletin, on page 51, is given a list of references to articles upon the theme which have appeared in the OFFICIAL JOURNAL. Members, consequently, who are interested should consult the bibliography to be found there.

The California Medical Association House of Delegates, in years gone by, have authorized the Council to proceed with a Basic Science initiative, but each time unforeseen contingencies have arisen to prevent the carrying out of these instructions.

Since the next state election will be held in November, 1940, and the preparation of an initiative law and the necessary securing of signatures is a task requiring months of thought and effort, it is suggested that the House of Delegates, at the Del Monte session in May, 1939, will indicate its wishes in this most important matter. The files of the Special Committee, to whom was delegated this study during the last ten years, will be turned over to whomsoever is placed in charge, because the plans will need much continued thought and work.

Respectfully submitted,  
George H. Kress, *General Chairman.*

#### COMMITTEE ON CANCER EXHIBIT: GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

##### Executive Group

T. Henshaw Kelly, Chairman  
Edward M. Pallette Charles A. Dukes  
Karl F. Meyer Hartley F. Peart

##### To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Council of the California Medical Association appropriated funds from the Herzstein Bequest to build and maintain an exhibit in the Hall of Science at the Golden Gate International Exposition, on cancer.

The committee, in coöperation with Mr. Milton Silverman, Director of the Hall of Science, created the exhibit to answer in the present state of our knowledge the questions, What is Cancer? How can it be discovered? What can be done for it? and, What is the probable future course of cancer research?

The committee is grateful to Mr. Silverman for his interest, help and coöperation, and the exhibit was ready when the Fair opened.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. Henshaw Kelly, M.D., *Chairman.*

#### ADDENDUM\*

##### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY SECRETARIES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

The meeting of the County Secretaries of the California Medical Association was held in the Franciscan Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, February 25, 1939.

##### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robert A. Peers, who had been designated to preside. County Secretaries present were:

Robert A. Peers.....Placer County Society  
M. M. Booth.....Napa County Society  
Lester R. Nielson.....Fresno County Society  
Joseph S. Woolford.....Humboldt County Society  
C. S. Campton.....Kern County Society  
Victor W. Hart.....Siskiyou County Society  
Hoyt R. Gant.....Stanislaus County Society  
Leon M. Swift.....Yuba-Sutter County Society  
T. E. Albers.....Sonoma County Society  
George D. Maner.....Los Angeles County Society  
E. M. Bingham.....San Luis Obispo County Society  
A. A. Morrison.....Ventura County Society  
Glenn Curtis.....Orange County Society  
A. E. Varden.....San Bernardino County Society

\* This addendum is given place in the Pre-Convention Bulletin because of the importance of the services rendered to organized medicine by the secretaries of the component county medical societies.

† Meeting was held at the mid-year Conference of Officers of the California Medical Association and of Secretaries of component County Medical Societies at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, on Saturday, February 25, 1939.

Thomas A. Card.....Riverside County Society  
Herbert Archibald.....Monterey County Society  
William A. Clarke.....Imperial County Society  
Samuel R. Randall.....Santa Cruz County Society  
John W. Green.....Solano County Society  
Glenn E. Millar.....Sacramento County Society  
George H. Rohrbacher.....San Joaquin County Society  
Carl W. Clark.....Marin County Society

Also present were:

George H. Kress.....Association Secretary  
Ruggles Cushman.....Delegate from Mendocino County

##### PURPOSE OF MEETING AND QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

Doctor Peers explained that the purpose of the meeting was to afford an opportunity for the Secretaries to debate informally various questions which had been sent to Doctor Kress for discussion at this meeting. Doctor Peers stated also that it would be in order for this body to make suggestions and recommendations. The questions were taken up in the following order:

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1. Question presented by Doctor Bingham of San Luis Obispo:

*What is the present status concerning the A.M.A. Survey of Medical Care in the counties represented by the Secretaries present at the meeting?*

The general opinion seemed to be that too great a burden had been placed on the County Secretaries, and a number of those present stated that apparently the County Society members felt the same way, as the percentage of completed returns was very small. Dr. George Maner of Los Angeles suggested that this be referred to the Council, and that the Council be requested to reaffirm its stand on this matter; that the Committee of Five had submitted this information in the form of the California Medical Economics Survey.

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2. Question presented by Doctor Woolford of Humboldt:

*What is the best method of publicizing and selling California Physicians' Service to the public? When are we going to present this, and how are we going to do it?*

Dr. George Maner reported regarding the Questions and Answers submitted by the Trustees of the C.P.S. to the Los Angeles Medical Association for use in their Bulletin. Doctor Maner reports that these are of much value.

Doctor Maner made the suggestion that C.P.S. Questions and Answers, similar to those furnished to the Los Angeles County Medical Association, be furnished to all County Societies.

The suggestion was made that the C.P.S. Questions and Answers be printed in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.‡

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3. Doctor Clarke of Imperial County, asked about Post-graduate Clinics.

Because this matter is No. 10 of Part 5 of the general program, this question was referred to the general meeting.

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4. Question presented by Doctor Clarke of Imperial County:

*How will the present status of the insurance plan affect smaller communities?*

This matter was referred to the general meeting, as Part 2 of the program is a symposium on medical service activities.

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5. Doctor Clark of Marin County, asks:

*What part should the County Society play in putting over physicians' health insurance plan?*

Doctor Booth stated that he felt every possible effort should be made to get the insurance plan operating in smaller communities as quickly as in San Francisco and

‡ The questions and answers were printed in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, March, 1939, issue, on page 247.